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SUBJECT: R/V MELVILLE CLEARANCE REQUEST, 30 MAY-9 JULY 1977

1. R/V MELVILLE, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY (SIO) AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OFF MEXICO. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS THREEFOLD: 1) A GEOLOGICAL/GEOPHYSICAL STUDY IN THE GULF OF TEHUANTEPEC FOR EARTHQUAKE INFORMATION, 2) A DEEP-TOW GEOPHYSICAL STUDY WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE EAST PACIFIC RISE CREST NEAR 21 DEGREES N IN THE MOUTH OF THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA, AND 3) ANOTHER DEEP-TOW SURVEY OF THE TAMAYO FRACTURE ZONE. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED WILL INCLUDE OCEAN-BOTTOM SEISMOMETERS, A DEEP-TOW SONAR, ECHO-SOUNDER, SURFACE MAGNETOMETER, SONOBUOYS, AND CHEMICAL AND WATER SAMPLING INSTRUMENTS. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH AND SHIP'S TRACK ARE BEING POUCHED.

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2. CHIEF SCIENTISTS ARE DR'S. KENNETH MACDONALD AND FRED SPIESS OF SIO. SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS LAURENCE E. DAVIS AND THERE IS A CREW OF 20 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 23. R/V MELVILLE IS 1806 GROS TONS, 244 FT. IN LENGTH, AND 16 FT. DRAFT. RADIO CALL SIGN IS WECB AND SHIP MONITORS 2182 KHZ AND VHF CHANNEL 16 CONTINUOUSLY.

3. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOM AND THERE ARE BERTHS AVAILABLE FOR TWO GOM PARTICIPANTS. THE UNIVERSITY OF MEXICO IN MEXICO CITY HAS BEEN NOTED AS A COOPERATING INSTITUTION. THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE TO EMBARK AT BALBOA, C.Z. AND MAY DISEMBARK AT ACAPULCO OR SAN DIEGO. SHIP WILL BE AT ACAPULCO 28-29 JUNE AND RETURN SAN DIEGO 9 JULY. PORT CALL IS BEING ARRANGED BY SHIP'S AGENT.

4. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR R/V MELVILLE TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF MEXICO DURING THE PERIOD 30 MAY - 9 JULY 1977.
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